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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A sweatshirt comprising:
a main portion having a front panel, a back panel, a neck opening and pair of arm opening;
said front panel having a slit therein, said slit forming a pair of opposed edges on said front panel; and
a pouch member having an opening, said opening of said pouch member being operationally coupled to said slit of said front panel, said pouch member being positioned abutting an interior portion of said front panel; and
a closure means for selectively closing said slit in said front panel and said opening of said pouch member, said closure means being located on said opposed edges of said slit.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The sweatshirt of claim [[[2]]] 1, wherein said closure means further comprises a closure device selected from the group of closure devices consisting of a button/button hole pair, a snap, a zipper, and hook and loop fastener.

4. (Original) The sweatshirt of claim 1, wherein said opening of said pouch member being secured to and aligned with said slit in said front panel by stitching a perimeter edge of said pouch member encompassing said opening to a perimeter edge of said slit in said front panel.

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5. (Original) The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising a pair of arm portions operationally secured to said main portion, each one of said pair of arm portions being aligned with an associated one of said pair of arm openings.

6. (Original) The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising a hood operationally coupled to said main portion.

7. (Original) The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising an indicia positioned on said front panel.

8. (Original) The sweatshirt of claim 1, wherein said pouch member further comprises a pouch front portion and a pouch back portion, said pouch front portion being operationally coupled to said pouch back portion along a bottom edge and two side edges, said top edge being adjacent to said opening, said pouch front portion abutting the interior surface of the front panel, said pouch back portion abutting a chest of a user when said sweatshirt is being worn by the user.

9. (Currently Amended) The sweatshirt of claim 1, further comprising:

~~a closure means for selectively closing said opening of said pouch member, said closure means further comprises a closure device selected from the group of closure devices consisting of a button/button hole pair, a snap, a zipper, and hook and loop fastener;~~

said opening of said pouch member being secured to and aligned with said slit in said front panel by stitching a perimeter edge of said pouch member encompassing said opening to a perimeter edge of said slit in said front panel; and

said pouch member further comprises a pouch front portion and a pouch back portion, said pouch front portion being operationally coupled to said pouch back portion along a bottom edge and two side edges, said top

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edge being adjacent to said opening, said pouch front portion abutting the interior surface of the front panel, said pouch back portion abutting a chest of a user when said sweatshirt is being worn by the user;

wherein said closure means does not extend through said slit of said front panel;

wherein said opening of said pouch member is defined by opposed edge portions of the pouch member, and said closure means bridges between said opposed edges of said slit and said opposed edge portions of said pouch member;

wherein said closure means comprises a pair of strips of complementary hook and loop fastener components, and each of said strips is positioned across a respective edge of said front panel and edge portion of said pouch member; and

wherein said front panel of said main portion has an interior surface, and said opening of said pouch member is defined by a pair of edge surfaces, said edge surfaces of said pouch member being abutted against said interior surface of said front panel of said main member.

10. (Currently Amended) A pocket assembly for use on an article of apparel having a front panel and a slit extending therethrough, said slit forming a pair of opposed edges on said front panel, said assembly comprising a pouch member operationally coupled to an interior surface of the front panel, said pouch member having an opening, said opening being aligned with the slit to permit access from the outside of the article of apparel into the pouch member, a closure means for selectively closing said slit in said front panel and said opening of said pouch member, said closure means being located on said opposed edges of said slit.

11. (Cancelled)

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12. (Currently Amended) The pocket assembly of claim [[[11]]] 10, wherein said closure means further comprises a closure device selected from the group of closure devices consisting of a button/button hole pair, a snap, a zipper, and hook and loop fastener.

13. (Original) The pocket assembly of claim 10, wherein said opening of said pouch member being secured to and aligned with said slit in said front panel by stitching a perimeter edge of said pouch member encompassing said opening to a perimeter edge of said slit in said front panel.

14. (Original) The pocket assembly of claim 10, wherein said pouch member further comprises a pouch front portion and a pouch back portion, said pouch front portion being operationally coupled to said pouch back portion along a bottom edge and two side edges, said top edge being adjacent to said opening, said pouch front portion abutting the interior surface of the front panel of the article of apparel, said pouch back portion abutting a chest of a user when the article of apparel is being worn by the user.

15. through 18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) The sweatshirt of claim 1 wherein said closure means does not extend through said slit of said front panel.

20. (New) The sweatshirt of claim 1 wherein said opening of said pouch member is defined by opposed edge portions of the pouch member, and said closure means bridges between said opposed edges of said slit and said opposed edge portions of said pouch member.

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21. (New) The sweatshirt of claim 20 wherein said closure means comprises a pair of strips of complementary hook and loop fastener components, and each of said strips is positioned across a respective edge of said front panel and edge portion of said pouch member.

22. (New) The sweatshirt of claim 1 wherein said front panel of said main portion has an interior surface, and said opening of said pouch member is defined by a pair of edge surfaces, said edge surfaces of said pouch member being abutted against said interior surface of said front panel of said main member.